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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER P2003J021
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>001000175</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2004/040087	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 01 December 2004 (01.12.04)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 05 December 2003 (05.12.2003)
TITLE OF INVENTION REGENERATION OF SULFURIC ACID		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Bhupender S. Minhas, Dennis G. Peiffer, Jeffrey S. Beck, David L. Stern, Tomas R. Melli		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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21. The following fees are submitted:					
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.					
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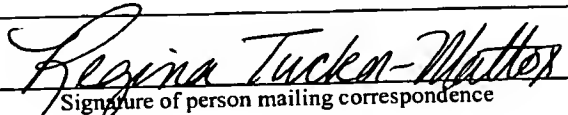
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